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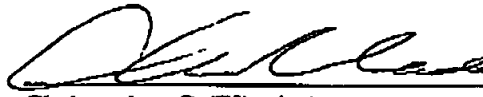
This paper is submitted as an inquiry as to the status of the application identified above.

More than two years have passed since the filing of this application on July 3, 2001, accompanied by a post-card receipt. A Filing Receipt was received August 24, 2001. An Assignment was mailed on July 26, 2001 and recorded on July 30, 2001. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements were filed on February 4, 2002, January 28, 2003 and April 5, 2004. The Application was published on April 18, 2002. No further communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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